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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Daw Kyaing Kyaing attends ceremony to hoist Shwehtidaw, Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnadaw atop Laykyun Sakkyashin Maha Hsutaungpyae Pagoda in Dagon Myothit (East) Township



Daw Kyaing Kyaing, Daw Mya Mya San and party convey Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnadaw and Hsathaphudaw atop Laykyun Sakkyashin Maha Hsutaungpyae Pagoda by decorated carriage. — MNA

YANGON, 24 April — A ceremony to keep religious objects into the reliquary of Laykyun Sakkyashin Maha Hsutaungpyae Pagoda was held in conjunction with the Shwehtidaw hoisting and consecration ceremony at the pagoda in Sitpintaung Ward, Dagon Myothit (East) Township, this morning, attended by Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Dawei Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Arçinnabhivamsa and member Sayadaws, members of the Sangha and nuns. Also present on the occasion were Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Daw Khin Lay Thet,

wife of member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Daw Than Than Nwe, wife of Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, wives of the SPDC members, the wife of the

Commander-in-Chief (Navy), Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife, Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, officials and local authorities and local people.

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Daw Kyaing Kyaing, Daw Mya Mya San and party convey Seinbudaw, Hsathaphudaw and tiers of Shwehtidaw round Laykyun Sakkyashin Maha Hsutaungpyae Pagoda. — MNA

INSIDE

Ye Nwe Multi-purpose Dam Project is part of the Pyundaza plain cluster of dams together with Baidah, Kawliya, Bawni and Pynbongyi dam projects, and the drive will yield fruits towards more than 200,000 acres of crops.

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THIHA AUNG

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

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To play a vital role in building a new nation with lofty aims

The work coordination meeting of Myanmar Police Force of the Ministry of Home Affairs was held at the meeting hall of the MPF on 22 April with an address by Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win.

In his address, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win said that Myanmar Police Force has been operating to make reforms for betterment of its form and essence since 1995 in accord with the guidance of the Head of State as it is an organization equipped with arms which has always to enforce community peace and prevalence of law and order and deal with the people.

The Myanmar Police Force has been participating practically in the drive for the emergence of a modern and developed nation in accord with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe.

A glance at administrative machinery of the global nations will reveal that a nation is different from another but its police force has to be involved in the task of administrative machinery.

A dynamic and bona fide administrative machinery is indispensable in building a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

To keep pace with changes and developments, the State Peace and Development Council is introducing reforms for regional general administrative departments and police forces. Police officers should understand that the tasks of building a new nation entering a new age and the tasks of transforming the entire MPF have interrelations.

The MPF is discharging duties in different sectors ranging from ensuring peace, stability and regional development and improving the people's living standard to national development in addition to its normal duties.

That is why police officers should have administrative, political, security and economic outlooks as their functions involve in political, economic and social sectors. Meanwhile, they should try to improve their qualification and professionalism in serving the interest of the State and the people while revitalizing and upholding Our Three Main National Causes.

This being so, the MPF members are to try their utmost for MPF to become a patriotic, qualified and modern force on which the people can rely while enthusiastically taking part in nation-building endeavours with the lofty aims.

Armed Forces day commemorative teleplay to be telecast again

YANGON, 24 April — In commemoration of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, teleplay, "Thuy-gaung-do-htun-ga-the" will be broadcast again from Myawady TV dividing into three parts after the news programs on 27, 28 and 29 April.

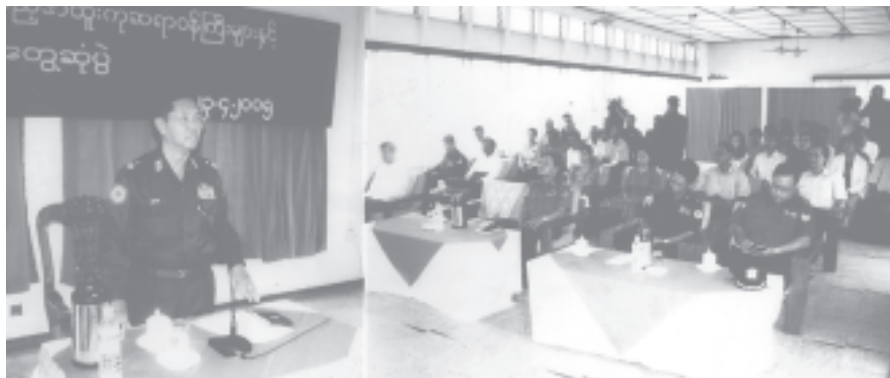
The teleplay was directed by Academy Bagyi Soe Moe and starred by Academy Kyaw Thu, Academy Zin Wine, Academy Yan Aung, Academy Dwe, Academy Minmawgun, Naing Naing, Sai Sai Kham Hlaing, Academy May Than Nu, Academy May ThinzaOo and Academy Soe Myat Nander.

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People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Commander meets with specialists, staff before their departure for Cocokyun Township



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe meets with specialists, health staff and departmental personnel bound for Cocokyun Township on 23-4-2005. — YANGON COMMAND

YANGON, 24 April — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe met with specialists, health staff and departmental personnel bound for Cocokyun Township, at the hall of the local regiment in Thanhlyetsoon, Botahtaung Township, yesterday afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe said that the specialists, health staff and departmental personnel will start their trip to Cocokyun Township soon for providing health care services to local people.

As the Government fulfilled facilities of educa-

tion, health, economic and transport to Cocokyun Township that is the most distant township in Yangon Division, remarkable progress has been made in the township. Later, the Commander thanked them for their performance of health care services to be given to a distant township of the city.

Afterwards, the specialists, health staff and departmental personnel were introduced to the commander.

Also present on the occasion were No 4 Military Region Commander Col Yan Naing Oo, authorities and departmental officials, Cmdr Thura Thet Swe of the local regiment and official. — MNA

Construction Minister inspects road & bridge construction projects in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 24 April — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, accompanied by officials of Public Works, inspected road construction tasks along Yangon-Pathein Highway on 22 April and gave instructions on early completion before the rain and proper water drainage.

The minister and party proceeded to Pammawady river Bridge Project and looked into the worksite. At the briefing hall, he heard reports on the progress of the tasks and future plans. After hearing the reports, the minister left necessary instructions.

On 23 April, the minister and party inspected the road construction tasks along Myaungmya-Labutta Road. Next, they attended the ceremony of

sharing merits for Thitsadhammala monastery building donated by the minister and family and ceremony of ordination and novitiation at Thiriyaung Monastery in Kanyingone Village in Labutta Township.

After donating the provisions to sayadaws, the minister and family and party offered *Soon* to sayadaws.

Later, the minister and party inspected the durability of Labutta suspension bridge on Myaungmya-Labutta Road. Similarly, they looked into the road constructions projects on Myaungmya-Einme Road and progress of No 1/70 Mayanngu Bridge on the road. — MNA



Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and party supervise functions of dry day inspection teams in Yangon on 24 April. (News on page 11)— MNA

Chinese President meets with Thai Prime Minister

JAKARTA, 23 April — Chinese President Hu Jintao said here on Friday that China will continue to vigorously participate in the reconstruction of Thailand's disaster areas and support efforts in promoting bilateral tourism cooperation.

He made the remarks while meeting with Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra on the sidelines of the Asian-African Summit which kicked off here on Friday, said sources from the Chinese delegation.

Thaksin expressed his thanks to the Chinese Government and people for providing fund and material assistance after Thailand was hit by the December 26 earthquake and tsunami. He said such move fully demonstrated the deep friendship between the peoples of the two countries.

Thailand and China are both neighbours and relatives, the Thai Prime Minister said. The Year 2005 will mark the 30th anniversary of the establishment of full diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Thaksin said he will visit China again in July, hoping to join with the Chinese Government to push forward the development of bilateral ties.

As the tourism facilities in Thailand's tsunami-hit areas have been restored by and large, Thailand welcomes Chinese tourists to spend their holidays in the resorts, the Thai Prime Minister said.

The Chinese President said China and Thailand are good neighbours, good friends and good partners. In recent years, bilateral relations have been well developed with frequent exchanges of high-level visits. The decision made in 2001 on starting strategic cooperation between Thailand and China is playing a "leading role" in establishing China-

ASEAN strategic partnership, he added.

The two countries also made remarkable achievements in economy and trade. Bilateral trade volume totalled 17.3 billion US dollars in 2004, a 37 per cent increase over the previous year. China and Thailand also conducted well coordination on international and regional issues, the Chinese President noted.

China is ready to join with Thailand to conduct all-round, multi-level friendly cooperation in various areas and push forward bilateral ties, Hu added.

Thaksin also reiterated that the Thai Government will firmly stick to the "One China" policy and will support any move that is in the interests of China's reunification.

MNA/Xinhua



HK finds new therapy for ischaemic heart disease

HONG KONG, 23 April — A research done by the Chinese University of Hong Kong found a new therapy for ischaemic heart disease, according to the university's Press release on Friday.

Ischaemic heart disease is caused by atherosclerosis of the vessels in the body, a disease process characterized by the thickening of the arteries with deposition of plaques inside the wall of the vessel. One of the main targets of treatment in patients with ischaemic heart disease is to limit the amount of atherosclerotic plaque formation in the arteries.

For the past 10 years the Division of Cardiology of the university has been in the forefront of research and new therapies for

ischaemic heart disease. One of the new treatment strategies is the use of drugs that limits atherosclerotic plaque formation in the artery. A recent study found that this can be achieved by the use of high dose statin, a cholesterol-lowering drug, therapy.

Studies results show that the new therapy not only prevents atherosclerotic plaque formation in the major artery, but is able to significantly regress the plaque thickness by nearly 10

per cent. Recently, the benefit of high dose statin therapy was also confirmed by an international multicentre trial which was announced in the American College of Cardiology annual scientific meeting in March 2005.

According to the university, ischaemic heart disease is the second top killer in Hong Kong, just after cancer. Every year about 4,000 people died from this disease in Hong Kong. — MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers secure a road leading to the Baghdad airport highway after a car bomb exploded in the Hai Al-Furaat area of Baghdad, on 23 April, 2005.

INTERNET

Eight killed as car bomb hits Shiite mosque in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 24 April — A car bomb detonated at a Shiite mosque in Baghdad on Friday, killing at least eight people and wounding 20 others, police said.

The blast took place at al-Subeih Shiite mosque in southeastern Baghdad during Friday prayers after midday, police said, adding the powerful explosion caused heavy damages to the mosque and nearby buildings. The US military had no immediate information on the incident. — MNA/Xinhua

Tanzania's eco growth to exceed expectations for 2004-05

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 24 April — Tanzania is predicted to achieve the major economic targets under the 2004-2005 budget with an annual growth rate of over 6.3 per cent expected.

Economic indicators available here on Friday showed that good performance in the first half of the financial year, July-December 2004, had made it possible for the country to exceed the earlier estimated 6.3 per cent of gross domestic products growth rate.

Statistics also indicated that the national inflation rate had been put under control and was predicted to be at about

4 per cent by June this year compared to the 6.3 per cent in the previous period and the 22 per cent ten years ago.

According to Friday's local newspaper *Business Times*, during the first half of the financial year, a total of 870 million US dollars has been collected as domestic revenue, a 3.4-per-cent increase over the estimated sum of 842 million dollars.

MNA/Xinhua

Hu Jintao meets UN Secretary-General

JAKARTA, 24 April — Chinese President Hu Jintao met here on Saturday with Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, and exchanged views with him on issues of common concerns.

Hu Jintao and Annan were here attending the Asian-African Summit, which wrapped up Saturday after endorsing a statement declaring the establishment of a strategic partnership between the two continents.

Hu and Annan both praised the summit as a success, saying the conference demonstrated unity between Asia and Africa, and is one with far-reaching historical significance. The UN Secretary-General briefed Hu about his UN reform plan and hopes China will give him support.

Hu praised the UN as having played an indispensable role in maintaining world peace and promoting common development as well as in international affairs.

"We advocate that the UN should play an even greater role in international affairs, and support the efforts of the UN Secretary-General in multilateral areas and in strengthening the role of the UN," Hu said.

MNA/Xinhua

WEF to host Asia Roundtable in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 23 April — The World Economic Forum (WEF) will host its Asia Roundtable in Singapore on 28-29 April, WEF Asia Director Lee Howell said on Thursday.

With the theme "Tilting the global balance: the strategic implications of Asia's growth", the meeting will address critical issues concerning the region's increasing global economic and political influence.

"The goal of the roundtable is a frank exchange on both the challenges and opportunities that will be the focus of the coming months," Howell noted.

Topics to be discussed during the event include the business impact of the geopolitics of Asia, the impact of China and India on Asian competitiveness and future growth, the future supply of key natural resources and its impact on regional relations, as well as the prospects for Asia's financial integration.

A delegation of political and business leaders from the Middle East led by King Abdullah II of Jordan will join the discussion on the growing trade and investment ties between the Middle East and Asia in the roundtable, according to Lee. — MNA/Xinhua



A worker prepares to install telecommunication cables on a street in Hong Kong recently. — INTERNET



Sri Lankan employees of Dankotuwa Porcelain Ltd add designs to tableware at a factory in Dankotuwa on 23 April, 2005.—INTERNET

China, Zimbabwe friendship further strengthened

HARARE, 23 April — The peoples of China and Zimbabwe enjoy a profound fraternal relationship and an all-weather friendship in spite of thousands of miles afar, Chinese Ambassador to Zimbabwe Chang Xianyi said on Friday.

Speaking at the reception celebrating the 25th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Zimbabwe, Chang said Zimbabwe declared independence on 18 April 1980 and just on the same day the diplomatic relation was established between the two countries.

He said tracing back to the past quarter of century, the friendly cooperation between the two countries has witnessed steady growth in various fields.

The two countries have supported each other in international affairs and jointly safeguarded the rights and interests of the developing countries, he said. Chang said the Chinese Government and people highly appreciate the Zimbabwean Government for

its adherence to the “one China” principle and resolute support for China’s peaceful reunification cause.

On same occasion, Zimbabwean Acting Foreign Minister Herbert Murerwa said the relations between the two countries have positively unfolded and grown from strength to strength over the years.

The acting minister said China is now the single largest investor in Zimbabwe and the two countries should therefore continue to develop synergies which would lead to a win-win situation for both countries. He said Zimbabwe was endowed with the minerals, the raw materials and agricultural land while China has the expertise and capital to process and add value to the products of Zimbabwe.

He reaffirmed

Zimbabwe’s policy that Taiwan question is an internal affair of China, adding that any external actions on Taipei is an encroachment on China’s sovereignty and is an interference in China’s internal affairs.

“We therefore support the ‘one country, two systems’ policy and the Anti-Secession Law adopted on 14 March, 2005 by the National People’s Congress. Taipei’s ‘dollar diplomacy or bribery diplomacy’ will be defeated internationally,” said Murerwa. Murerwa said Zimbabwe cherishes the traditional friendship, solidarity and cooperation with the People’s Republic of China, adding that Zimbabwe is fully committed and geared to promote the Sino-Zimbabwe relations to new heights.

MNA/Xinhua

Kidnappers in Iraq threaten to kill Romanian journalists

BAGHDAD, 24 April — Guerillas in Iraq threatened to kill three Romanian journalists they kidnapped last month, unless the Romanian Government pulls out troops from Iraq, the Qatar-based al-Jazeera TV channel reported on Friday.

“The militants gave the Romanian Government four days from the date of the videotape to withdraw from Iraq or they would kill them,” the broadcaster of the Arabic TV said.

Romania has about 730 troops in Iraq. The video showed the three

journalists sitting on the ground with militants’ weapons pointing to their heads.

The three journalists, two men and a woman, were kidnapped on 28 March in Baghdad.

MNA/Xinhua

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Thailand’s repaid SIM card buyers to report identity

BANGKOK, 23 April — Customers buying prepaid phone SIM card in Thailand will have to show their identifications starting from 10 May, a measure aimed to prevent bombs set off by mobile phone in the country’s restive deep south.

State agencies and mobile phone operators agreed to implement the new rule at a meeting held on Thursday. *Bangkok Post* on Friday quoted Kanawat Wasinsungworn, vice-minister of the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Ministry, as saying.

The operators would draft the agreement together on 4 May, including details on how personal information would be stored and the standard form to be filled by SIM card buyers.

Previously, customers

can buy a prepaid phone SIM card at any convenient store.

However, the system has raised security concerns when continuous bombs hitting the country’s restive deep south were set off by mobile phones with prepaid SIM card.

With the new rule requiring buyers’ identification, the authorities wish they can cut down such bomb attacks or easily track down those who set off bombs.

Still, the existing 22

million prepaid phone users are not required to register themselves with their mobile phone operators, said Kanawat.

Instead, the mobile phone operators will carry on promotions to attract more existing prepaid card users to switch to new card so as to get their identification. But some analysts question whether the rules will truly improve the southern security, saying that assailants can use a prepaid mobile card bought at neighbouring Malaysia to set off bombs.

MNA/Xinhua

Economists say Singapore might be Asia’s first global city

SINGAPORE, 23 April — Economists calculated that Singapore might be the first global city in Asia in the near future, according to Channel NewsAsia report on Thursday.

Defining global city as cosmopolitan with ethnic and cultural diversity, they said that this is a big advantage Singapore enjoys over its rival cities in Asia like Hong Kong and Tokyo.

“The global city, unlike an industrial model, requires an organic mixing of a number of ingredients,” the report quoted Senior Economist at Deutsche Bank Sanjeev Sanyal as saying, indicating that setting up the integrated resorts with casinos is just a part of Singapore’s strategy. Analysts tagged education and tourism as two key growth areas for the city state to build up its strength, forecasting that Singapore will eventually become a service economy with focus on high value-added manufacturing.

Some economists also suggested the island state continue to expand its international trade links, which they believe will feed back to the home-city.

The report said that Singapore is exerting efforts to realize the goal “by reinventing its economy to one that is conducive to creative and knowledge-based industries”. — MNA/Xinhua

“Polish Culture Days” to be held in Beijing

BEIJING, 23 April— The most well-known Polish musicians will perform in Beijing during the “Polish Culture Days” from 9 to 13 May, according to a notice released on Friday by the Polish Embassy to China.

The activity is sponsored by the Polish Government according to an agreement between the two culture ministries, said Aquicuzka Lobacz, Charge d’Affaires of the Polish Embassy. She noted the musicians will play both classical and pop music during their stay. An exhibition of Polish handicraft will also be held in Beijing.—MNA/Xinhua



Chinese visitors are reflected on a Rolls-Royce car on display at the 2005 Auto Shanghai Exhibition in China’s financial capital on 24 April, 2005. —INTERNET

ASEM finance officials gather in China

BEIJING, 23 April — Deputy finance ministers representing 39 members of Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM) gathered in Xi'an, capital city of north China's Shaanxi Province, on Friday to brace for the upcoming Sixth ASEM Finance Ministers' Meeting to be held later in China, according to the Chinese Ministry of Finance said on Friday.

The ministry noted that the meeting was aimed at preparing for the forthcoming Sixth ASEM Finance Ministers' Meeting (ASEM FMM) to be held in Tianjin, north China, on 26 June 2005.

Friday's meeting was chaired by Li Yong, Chinese Vice-Minister of Finance, and was attended by the Finance Deputies of 39 ASEM members and representatives of international financial institutions, including the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the European Central Bank.

Participants conducted in-depth discussions on a range of issues, such as the global and regional economy development, enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of the ASEM FMM, and economic and financial cooperation between Asia and Europe, the ministry said in a statement.

They also conferred on the expected outcome of the Sixth ASEM FMM, the framework and major contents of the Chairman's Statement of the Sixth ASEM Finance Ministers' Meeting and the Tianjin Initiative on Closer ASEM

Economic and Financial Cooperation.

It was decided that the next ASEM Finance Deputies' Meeting would be held in an EU country in 2006.

The ministry said preparations for the Sixth ASEM FMM are progressing smoothly. Media registration will start on May 8. Interested reporters, both domestic and foreign, are welcome to visit the official web site of the Sixth ASEM FMM: www.asemfmm.gov.cn, for on-line registration, according to the statement.

MNA/Xinhua



Sentosa Island resort in Singapore seen on 25 April, 2005.

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Record exhibitors come to Hong Kong Houseware Fair

HONG KONG, 23 April — Over 2,100 exhibitors from 37 countries and regions around the world are taking part in this year's "Hong Kong Houseware Fair," making it the largest of its kind ever in Asia.

The four-day event, unveiled Thursday at its 20th anniversary, are displaying a wide range of artificial flowers, handicrafts, health & personal care items, home decorations, furniture, bathroom accessories, tableware, kitchenware, and gadgets.

According to Jeffrey Lam, chairman of the fair organizing committee, there are six newcomers from the Bahamas, Brazil, the Czech Republic, Egypt, New Zealand and Poland.

He noted that overseas exhibitors account for half of the total sellers, and he

expected that overseas buyers will also account for a high percentage.

"With a strong export industry on household products and effective market platforms, such as the Houseware Fair, Hong Kong is evolving into a key sourcing centre in the region for household goods," he said.

Hong Kong manufacturers have been escalating up the value chain by developing their design capability and adding value to their services in order to stay competitive, said Andrew Leung, honorary president of the Federation of Hong Kong

Industries.

He noted that Hong Kong industry needs to remain competitive for high-volume goods, as well as to leverage strengths in business, creating its own brand names and entering into licensing agreement with globally recognized brands.

To highlight Hong Kong's design capability, a central product display area will be staged during the fair period.

A series of seminars will also be held during the fair to share views among buyers, sellers and industry researchers.

MNA/Xinhua

China follows steadfastly its chosen path of peaceful development

JAKARTA, 23 April — Chinese President Hu Jintao reaffirmed here on Friday that China will follow steadfastly its chosen path of peaceful development and commit itself to achieving common development with other countries in Asia and Africa.

He made the remarks while delivering a speech entitled "From the Glorious Past to a Bright Future: Building a New Type of Strategic Partnership between Asia and Africa" at the two-day Asian-African Summit which kicked off Friday at the Jakarta Convention Centre amid tight security.

Development is the most pressing task for the Asian and African nations, the Chinese President said.

The development of Asia and Africa is closely linked with that of the other parts of the world. The two continents make up half of the world's land mass and three quarters of the world's population.

"China will follow steadfastly its chosen path of peaceful development. The purpose of China's foreign policy is to maintain world peace and promote common development," Hu said. China will always be a member of the developing world, and strengthening solidarity and cooperation with the other developing countries is the cornerstone of China's diplomacy, he added.

"In the pursuit of world peace and common development, China will always stand by and work through thick and thin with the developing countries in their large members," he noted. China would have been unable to achieve its

development without the cooperation from the developing countries.

"China will always commit itself to achieving common development with other countries in Asia and Africa," Hu said.

China has become the fastest growing export market for Asian and African countries. In 2004, China's trade with the rest of Asia and Africa reached 462.99 billion US dollars, accounting for 40 per cent of its total foreign trade. China has provided preferential tariff treatment to many Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in Asia and Africa and reduced or forgave debts owned by some of them.— MNA/Xinhua



Kekaimalu (L), the only known living hybrid of a false killer whale, shows off her baby, a female dolphin, at Sealife Park in Honolulu, Hawaii, on 21 April, 2005.— INTERNET

Singaporean Premier urges progress in WTO

JAKARTA, 23 April — Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said on Friday that making progress at the World Trade Organization is the most critical thing for his country, where "the benefits of globalization far outweigh the disadvantages".

"It is like casting a huge net and hauling in a large catch of fish, because at the WTO, every economy makes a commitment to open up," Lee said when addressing a speech to delegates of the Asian-African Business Summit in Jakarta.

Lee noted that in a globalized world, Singapore could earn a good living by exporting goods and services to China and India, whose fast growths put them in the need of raw materials, components and commercial services.

But Singapore cannot just rely on WTO to develop its external linkages.

"The unsuccessful WTO ministerial meetings at Seattle and Cancun are constant reminders not to take the multilateral trading system for granted," he said.

He said regional initiatives such as the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and bilateral free trade agreements can serve as good fallbacks should "the big net fail".

MNA/Xinhua

S Africa ready to respond to Marburg virus

JOHANNESBURG, 23 April — The South African Government said on Thursday that the nation has countrywide systems in place to respond to suspected cases of the Marburg virus.

"No confirmed case of Marburg has been reported in South Africa. Isolation facilities for suspected cases have been identified in all provinces," Health Minister Manto Tshabalala-Msimang said in Pretoria.

The minister made the statement at the opening of a seminar between her department and Britain's health protection agency.

MNA/Xinhua

China aims to control reliance on oil imports

BOAO (Hainan), 23 April — With looming challenges in energy resource management, China will lower its reliance on oil imports to around 35 per cent by 2020, and seek to maintain it at that level, said Wang Tao, senior vice-president of the World Petroleum Congress (WPC), here on Friday.

A large petroleum consumer, China faces serious challenges in energy resource management as its economy has been growing at an average rate of 9 per cent in the past 20 years.

Energy supplies, especially oil supply, cannot meet the demand of the soaring economy, said Wang, at a roundtable meeting, part of the Annual Conference 2005 of Boao Forum for Asia.

Last year, China's oil output reached 174 million tons, ranking fifth in the world. However, in the same year about 40 per cent of China's oil supply was from imports.

Due to its large population, China's average resources per capita are much lower than the world average level. The average storage of coal per capita is only 79 per cent of the world average, oil 11 per cent and natural gas 4.5 per cent, said Wang, also director of the Chinese National Committee under the WPC.

The latest evaluation results show that China's petroleum storage is 61.9 billion tons and only 23.4 billion tons, or

37.8 per cent, have been discovered. Potentials lie in western regions and marine areas, where the percentage of oil fields being discovered is 21.5 per cent and 22.6 per cent, respectively.

Despite of its bad effects, the price hike in the international oil market could help China to collect more money and improve oil field exploration, said Wang.

Meanwhile, China could also enhance exploration efficiency of oil field by adopting advanced technologies, he said.

Wang predicted that China's oil output would keep rising and the oil and gas production would reach a peak period by 2020.

On the other hand, China is taking an energy-saving approach to development to ease its energy pressures. Wang suggested that more detailed policies and regulations should be made to save energy in economic growth.

In the next 15 years, China is likely to quadruple its national economy while its energy consumption will only double, Wang said. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Official says China, Ethiopia ties further consolidated

ADDIS ABABA, 23 April — Visiting Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister Lu Guozeng said here Friday that the bilateral cooperation between China and Ethiopia has been further consolidated.

During his talks with Ethiopian State Minister of Foreign Affairs Tekeda Alemu, Lu said the cooperation between the two countries in various sectors have been strengthened in particular after Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi's visit to China.

The increasing trade volume between the two nations and the success of the development activities being carried out by Chinese investors operating in Ethiopia are some indicators for the enhancement of bilateral cooperation, he said.

The relations between the two nations have been strengthened since the first ministerial meeting of the China-Africa Cooperation Forum in 2000, said the Chinese official.

Hosting the second ministerial meeting of the China-Africa Cooperation Forum successfully shows that how Ethiopia is committed to successful completion of the forum, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



A disabled Cambodian works at the business incubator park set up by the Development Technology Workshop (DTW) in Phnom Penh on 23 April, 2005.—INTERNET

Putin, Lukashenko meet to advance integration

Moscow, 23 April — Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Belarus counterpart Alexander Lukashenko met here on Friday to give a fresh boost to the two countries' integration into a union state.

Putin and Lukashenko jointly presided over a session of the Supreme State Council of Russia and Belarus, at which the budget of the Russia-Belarus union state for 2005 was approved.

"This document fully meets the current and long-term tasks of our countries' economic development," which include the harmonization of Customs and tax legislation, ad-

vance in currency integration and further integration of the two economies, Putin was quoted by the *Interfax* as saying. The two presidents also signed an agreement on mutual observation of the rights for both countries' citizens.

"The nationals of Russia and Belarus must have the equal degree of confidence and social security," Putin said after signing the document. — *MNA/Xinhua*



BFA releases first Annual Report 2005 on Eco Integration in Asia

Boao (Hainan), 23 April — The Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) released its first "Annual Report 2005 on Economic Integration in Asia" here on Friday to provide the latest information on economic integration in Asia and advance the latest suggestions for the process.

According to the BFA's annual report, deeper economic and political cooperation will be conducive to the further enhancing of bilateral and multi-lateral trade among Asian nations.

The report says that it is necessary for the governments of Asian nations to improve their macro-economic measures so as to attract more direct foreign investment, or FDI, and that FDI will promote the development of trade.

The deepening of the international division of industries demand more efficient policy coordination between different governments in Asia in order to avoid unnecessary trade friction. Fidel Ramos, chairman of the board of BFA, said at the Press conference for the launching of the annual report that China and other fast growing economies in

Asia would not only push forward economic integration in Asia but also promote such a process around the world.

The fast economic growth in China has served as a driving force for its neighbouring countries, in particular for East Asian economies, said Ramos.

In 2001, China accounted for 30.6 per cent of trade in East Asian region, up from the 24.7 per cent in 1985. Meanwhile, China has grown into an important market in the region. Between 1995 and 2003, the nation's imports from ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) member countries soared dramatically.

According to the report, the sustained growth of the Chinese economy has promoted the rise of Asia. A slow down of the Chinese economy would

affect the regional economy as a whole.

The report says that from 1986 to 1995, developed nations posted an average annual economic growth of 3 per cent, and the growth rate slowed down to 2.8 per cent for years between 1996 and 2005. During the same two periods, the economic growth in emerging Asian economies was 8.1 per cent and 4.3 per cent, and the growth rates for developing Asian nations headed by China stood at 7.7 per cent and 6.6 per cent on average.

Long Yongtu, general-secretary of BFA, said at the Press conference that from this year forward BFA will release an annual report on economic integration in Asia every year at its annual conference, making it an authoritative report on the issue in the world. — *MNA/Xinhua*

France ready to improve cooperation with N-E China

SHENYANG, 23 April — French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin said here on Friday that France is optimistic about the economic prospects of China's northeast region and wants to step up cooperation with the area.

The northeast region is China's old industrial base, consisting of Liaoning, Jilin and Heilongjiang provinces.

At a seminar, Raffarin told local officials and entrepreneurs that the northeast China has advantages in industrial infrastructure and personnel. France's cooperation would involve ground transportation and environmental protection, he said.

Senior officials from the region, including Governor Zhang Wenye of Liaoning Province, Governor Zhang Zuoji of Heilongjiang Province and Executive Vice-Governor Tian Xueren of the Jilin Province, briefed Raffarin on each province's background, inviting France to take part in China's plan of rejuvenating the old industrial base.

Prior to the seminar, Raffarin visited the Imperial Palace of the Qing Dynasty (1644-

1911) in Shenyang, capital of Liaoning Province.

Raffarin arrived in Beijing Thursday for a three-day official visit to China. On Thursday morning, China and

France signed 20 agreements and contracts with a total value of three billion euros, following hour-long talks between Raffarin and Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao.

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Two girls pay a visit to the Eiffel Tower Photo Show in Shanghai Oriental Pearl Television Tower Square in Shanghai, China, on 23 April, 2005.

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State's electric power projects

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In his inspection tour of Rakhine State on 18 April 2005 at Annawa Yeiktha Hall in Thandwe, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on constantly upgrading of transport facilities for enabling the region to enjoy an easy access to other states and divisions, development of trade and production services, and raising the living standard of local people. He also stressed the importance of the extension of the businesses that conform with the encouragement of the government for economic development of the entire Rakhine State.

In relation to the prospects for rapid progress of the entire nation, he said that the government has been building development infrastructures including irrigation works, roads, bridges and hydel-power stations all over the nation. Now, the nation has an adequate number of development facilities. Soon, all the infrastructure development projects would be completed meeting the targets, and the nation would be developing with greater momentum.

It is known to all that the Tatmadaw Government has made unremitting efforts for more than 10 years in all sectors for national development.

Rakhine State lagged behind in development in the past. So, the government has to attend to all requirements for regional development.

For the first phase, it constructed roads and bridges necessary for regional development. Now, the region has enjoyed better transport with a number of transport facilities.

For the time being, the government is implementing electric power projects across the region, which is a fundamental factor for its progress.

The government is putting into motion Thahtay Chaung, An Chaung and Kyeintali hydropower projects for supply of more electricity for townships in Rakhine State such as Thandwe, Taungup, and Gwa.

At the meeting with the officials at Annawa Yeiktha Hall in Thandwe on 16 April, the Head of State gave guidance, saying that the government has been striving for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation. In the process, measures were to be taken for Rakhine State to be part of the national development.

It was needed to implement electric power projects phase by phase for supply of electricity for the entire Rakhine State.

It was safe to say that the entire nation would have an access to electricity on completion of hydel-power projects under way across the nation such as Ayeyawady Myitkyinn hydel-power project in Kachin State, Mawlaik and Manipura hydel-power projects in Sagaing Division, Kengtawng hydel-power project in Shan State, Namtlwe hydel-power project near Kengtung, and Mayyun hydel-power project in Taninthayi Division.

Thahtay Chaung Hydropower Project will be implemented on Thate Creek (a) Thahtay Creek, 15 miles north-east of Tandwe, with the aims of supplying electricity to southern Rakhine State, to add power to the grid, and to prevent the region from being flooded.



Yeywa Hydel Electric Power Project site to generate 790 megawatts in Mandalay.

On completion, the zone-type with central core dam will have a 1,300-foot-long and 250-foot-high embankment.

The maximum water storage capacity will be 340,000 acre feet, and the depth of water, 216 feet. It will be able to generate 100 megawatts (or) 318 million kilowatt hours annually.

The project will come up for development of Thandwe and hotel services on the Ngapali Beach Resort. In addition, An Chaung hydropower project will be launched on An Creek, 3.5 miles north-east of An, for the regional development. On completion, the dam will have a 1,600-foot-long and 140-foot-high embankment with a water storage capacity of 399,400 acre feet. In the first phase, it will be able to generate five megawatts or 33 million kilowatt hours a year, and in the second phase, 10 megawatts or 53 million kilowatt hours a year.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe on 11 March 2005 inspected Shwegyin Hydropower Project being implemented near Kyauknaga village, six miles north-east of Shwegyin, Bago Division, with the aim of supplying more electricity for the entire nation. The project is located on Shwegyin Creek, and it will be able to generate 75 megawatts on completion.

The Ministry of Electric Power is implementing many hydropower projects along the Sittoung Basin. Now, Zaungtu Hydropower Project in Bago Division has been completed, and under way are Shwegyin, Kunchaung, Pyuchaung, Khabaung, Ye Nwe and Pathi hydropower projects in Bago Division, and Paunglaung and Ahtet Paunglaung hydropower projects.

Hydropower projects to be launched along the Sittoung Basin are Thaukyaykhat and Bawgahta hydropower projects in Bago Division and Namcho hydropower project in Mandalay Division.

Later that afternoon, Senior General Than Shwe and party left Shwegyin for the Khabaung Multipurpose Dam Project in Ottwin Township. In response to the reports by the officials, the Senior General gave guidance

on completion of the project as soon as possible, and systematization of construction tasks.

The project is being undertaken by construction group-5 of the Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, and construction group-3 of the Hydel-power Department under the Ministry of Electric Power.

The Head of State also visited the Pyuchaung Multi-purpose Dam Project in Pyu Township, on 13 March. The officials concerned reported on facts about the project, and salient points about Thaukyaykhat Hydropower Project to be implemented in Bago Division. The Senior General gave guidance on the programmers and responsibilities for implementation of Thaukyaykhat Hydropower Project, and plans for Pyuchaung Multi-purpose Dam Project to be jointly undertaken by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Ministry of Electric Power.

On completion, the Pyuchaung Multi-purpose Dam Project will be able to benefit some 100,000 acres of farmland in Ottwin and Pyu townships and generate 40 megawatts.

On 14 March, the Senior General, accompanied by members of the State Peace and Development Council, senior military officers, ministers and departmental heads, inspected the Kunchaung Hydel-power Project, nine miles south-west of Pyu, and gave guidance, saying that in implementing the dam projects, it was required to ensure completion ahead of schedules to enable the people to enjoy the fruits of the projects earlier. Thus, related construction tasks included in the project were to be carried out simultaneously rather than one after another. For instance, it was needed to ensure parallel completion of the main dam and its canal system. And innovative measures were to be taken for producing electrical apparatus locally.

The Kunchaung Hydel-power Project will be implemented by construction group-3 of the Hydel-power Department, and the diversion weir and the irrigation system, by the Irrigation Department. Under the project, a rock-fill with earth core dam, 1,260 feet long and 240 feet high one, will be built. On completion, the project will be able to irrigate 110,000 acres of farmland and generate 60 megawatts.

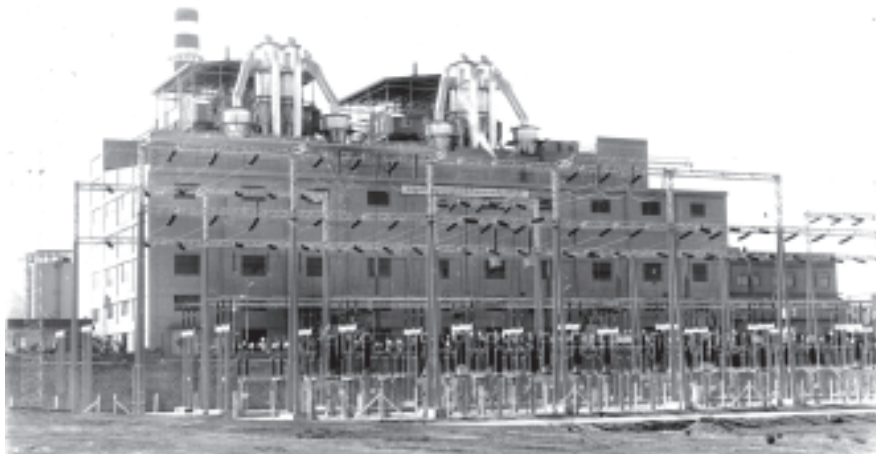
In the afternoon, Senior General Than Shwe inspected Ye Nwe Multi-purpose Dam Project being implemented by construction group-1 of the Irrigation Department and construction group-4 of the Hydel-power Department near Myochaung Village in Kyaukdaga Township and gave guidance to the officials. On completion, the facility will be able to irrigate about 118,500 acres of crops and generate 25 megawatts.

Ye Nwe Multi-purpose Dam Project is part of the Pyundaza plain cluster of dams together with Baidah, Kawliya, Bawni and Pynbongyi dam projects, and the drive will yield fruits towards more than 200,000 acres of crops.

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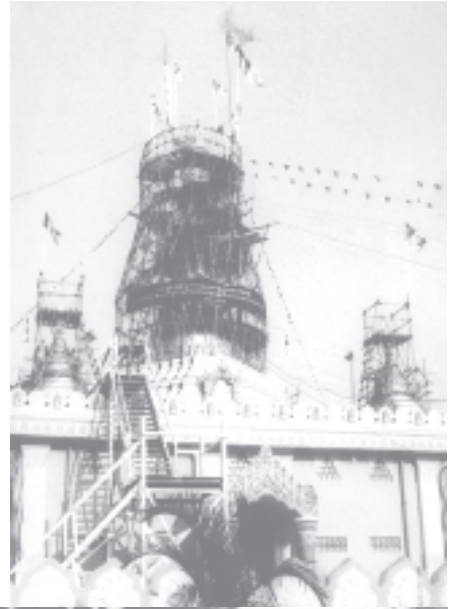


Tikyit coal-fired plant being seen at Pinlaung Township in Shan State (South).



Daw Kyaing Kyaing offers Seinbudaw and religious objects for Laykyun Sakkyashin Maha Hsutaungpyae Pagoda to the Vice-Chairman Sayadaw.— MNA

Laykyun Sakkyashin Maha Hsutaungpyae Pagoda.— MNA



Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party take Nine Precepts from the Vice-Chairman Dawei Sayadaw.— MNA



Daw Khin Lay Thet donates tiers of Shwehtidaw to a Sayadaw.— MNA



Daw Than Than Nwe presents tiers of Shwehtidaw to a Sayadaw.— MNA



Daw Kyaing Kyaing attends ceremony to hoist Shwehtidaw,...

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First, Daw Kyaing Kyaing and Daw Mya Mya San and party, together with the congregation opened the ceremony by reciting Namó Tassa three times. They took the Nine Precepts from the Vice-Chairman Sayadaw.

Daw Kyaing Kyaing offered Seinbudaw and religious objects for the pagoda to the Vice-Chairman Sayadaw.

Similarly, Daw Mya Mya San donated Hngetyatnadaw and religious objects for the pagoda to Joint-Secretary Sayadaw Kalewa Tawya Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa.

Daw Khin Lay Thet, Daw Than Than Nwe and Daw Khin Khin Win offered Hsathaphudaw and tiers of the Htidaw for the pagoda to members of the Sangha.

Daw Khin Khin Win offers Hsathaphudaw to a Sayadaw.— MNA

The commander, the vice-adjutant-general and officials donated offerings to the Sayadaws. The Joint-Secretary Sayadaw delivered a sermon and Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party poured water as an act of sharing merits.

Next, they conveyed the Seinbudaw,

goda. The Sayadaws, Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and lay persons kept the religious objects into the middle and upper reliquaries.

Daw Kyaing Kyaing and Daw Mya Mya San sprinkled scented water on tiers of the Htidaw and con-

Next, Daw Kyaing Kyaing and Daw Mya Mya San conveyed Hsathaphudaw and Seinbudaw atop the pagoda, and the Sayadaws, Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and lay persons hoisted them atop the pagoda.

Daw Kyaing Kyaing performed the



Daw Mya Mya San offers provisions to the Joint-Secretary Sayadaw.— MNA

Hngetyatnadaw, Hsathaphudaw and religious objects round the pagoda. Daw Kyaing Kyaing and Daw Mya Mya San sprinkled scented water and conveyed them atop the pa-

goda. At the same time, the Sayadaws, the commander, the vice-adjutant-general and lay persons hoisted Htidaws atop the encircling zedis.

rituals of golden and silver showers to mark successful completion of the ceremony. Later, the consecration ceremony followed at the Gandakuti Building of the pagoda.—MNA

Industrial sector has promising future...

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The factory and mill management committee will have innovation and initiative to meet ISO and ensure Add on in producing machine parts in order to be able to penetrate foreign market.

When the industry is in the process of advancement, it will be able to add other items such as spectrometer, ultrasonic crack detector, precision measuring instrument, preheating furnace, CNC machine etc. one after another.

Then only, are the factories and mills to apply the electronic technology to catch up with those of international community and they will be able to switch from import-substitute industry to export-oriented one which is exporting mechanical spare parts.

Hence, officials concerned are to make integrated and well-coordinated efforts for ensuring proper management system at the foundries, constantly producing technicians and technocrats and penetrating foreign markets.

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With development of foundry industry, progress will be made in industries such as power tiller production industry, farm-used small trucks production industry, motorcycle production industry, bus and lorry production industry and small rice mill and hydel power turbine production industry.



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win views parts of tractor invented by A&I Ministry. —MNA

production industry and small rice mill and hydel power turbine production industry.

To be able to do so, those in charge of the respective industrial zones and sub-committees are to make close supervision and coordination. The government on its part is to provide all the necessary assistance to the industrialists to put them on the right track on which they handle their jobs on their own.

At the same time, it is required for other industrial zones to meet with success. It can be assessed that industries of other industrial zones will make progress at a time when foundry industry is meeting with success.

However, it is important to search and expose the industrial talent in the industrial zones, he said.

Based on the strength of qualification, money and kinds of entrepreneurs in industrial zones, encouragement is to be given to industries with great potentials. Only then, will all the industrial zones meet with success. If development pace of the industrial zones slows, development gap among the industrial zones will be great later on. In short, today's discussions cover ensuring development of private industry, constant production of machine parts by foundries of Industrial Zone-3 and parallel development of all the industrial zones.

Only when private industries develop will a modern and developed nation emerge. At present, the existing factories and mills are required to run at full

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects Kyunchaung Fertilizer Plant, Kyunchaung Natural Gas Power Plant

YANGON, 24 April — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental officials, left here by air on 22 April morning and arrived at Bagan-NyaungU Airport later at 11 am.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint was welcomed there by Brig-Gen Than Tun of Kyaukpadaung Station, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe and officials.

Accompanied by Col Phone Maw Shwe and

officials, Lt-Gen Ye Myint proceeded to Tantkyitaung Jetty in Pakokku Township where they were welcomed by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and officials.

They arrived at No 2 Fertilizer Plant (Kyunchaung) of the Ministry of Energy near Kyunchaung Village of Pakokku Township. Plant Manager U Kyaw Sein Than reported on implementation of the tasks, availability of gas, production and distribution of fertilizer and progress of the plant.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint instructed them to repair heavy

machinery and perform maintenance of the plant. Next, he inspected the gas liquefied plant.

At the Natural Gas Power Plant (Kyunchaung), Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard a report on matters related to the power plant. The power plant was installed with three dual fuel gas turbines that can generate 18.1 megawatts. The plant produces 475,668 million kwh a year to supply electricity to factories in Sale, Wazi, Kyunchaung and Nyaungbingyi as well as Pakokku, Yezagyo, Monywa, Salinyi, Yinnabin and Pale Townships.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint oversaw the power control room of the plant and gave necessary instructions to the officials. They headed for the site of Tantkyitaung Greening Project of the Arid Zone Greening Department. Staff Officer U Tun Lwin submitted reports on establishment of forest plantation, conservation of natural forest, water supply and future plans. Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected progress of forest plantations.

In Seikpyu, he met with departmental personnel and social organization members at Seikpyu Township Peace and Development Council Office. Next, he inspected Seikpyu Township Hospital and Win Thuza Shop.

At Tegyi Dam, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports on matters related to the dam by officials. Tegyi Dam was built on Migyoung Creek. It is an earth dam measuring 1,350 feet by 27 feet. It will supply water to 150 acres of farmland. Similarly, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected functions of Winlochaung Dam that benefits 300 acres of land. In his tour, Lt-Gen Ye Myint looked into progress of roads and bridges. Afterwards, they proceeded to Kyaukhtu of Magway Division.



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects power control room at power plant.—MNA

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Efforts are to be made for development of current private industries and to put them on the right track

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capacity since the government will not yet establish factories and mills.

Therefore, efforts are to be made for development of current private industries and to put them on the right track. Invitation is to be extended to foreign private industrialists who want to invest cent per cent in addition to national private industrialists.

Only then, could development momentum of industrial sector be added.

Next, Secretary of Industrial Development Committee Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development Committee Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang reported that the Government today is placing emphasis on development of the industrial sector with momentum. And, the Government provides assistance to industries for their development.

With regard to development of the industries and industrial zones, a total of 11,895 industries have been established during the 10 years from 31-3-1995 to 31-3-2005. Value of the production amounted to K 31,843.46 million in 2001-2002, and K 285,736.45 million and US\$ 556.38 million on 31 March 2005. Therefore, the industrial sector could increase its production worth K 253,892.99 million and US\$

556.38 million. Similarly, there are 152,754 employees working in the industrial sector and its number is 82,323 more than that in the past. Next, the minister continued his reports on investment, production and development of the their zones.

The minister briefed the Prime Minister on import of machinery for establishment of foundry plants, forging shops, mould shops and machine plants at Mandalay, Monywa and Taunggyi (Ayethaya) Industrial Zones with US\$ 5 million assistance provided by the Government in order to manufacture quality products with the use of modern technology, progress in conversion of CNG run vehicles and assembling of bus and truck.

Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin reported on arrival of machinery from abroad for foundry plants in Mandalay, Monywa and Taunggyi (Ayethaya) Industrial Zones, distribution and installation of machinery at respective industrial zones and technological assistance.

Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw presented reports on progress in building the mould and die factory and conversion of diesel and petrol run vehicles to CNG run vehicles.

Secretary of Myanmar Industrial Develop-

ment Committee Director-General U Khin Maung of Directorate of Industrial Planning submitted reports on checking automobiles produced at industrial zones.

Chairmen and officials of the respective sub-committees reported on progress of tasks and future programmes.

Chairmen of Industrial Zone Supervisory Committees reported on requirements for industrial development.

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win gave instructions on conversion of CNG run vehicles with correct method, systematic manufacturing of automobiles, emphasis to be placed on producing bus and truck, priority to be given to research and development tasks and holding of seminars.

Chairmen and officials of Myanmar Industrialists Association, Myanmar Engineering Society and UMFCFI and entrepreneurs from industrial zones took part in the discussions.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Sw explained arrangements for convenient conversion of buses plying in Yangon City to CNG run buses.

After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister gave instructions on development of the industrial sector, industrial zonewise progress to be made, production of machine parts by operating foundry plants and he urged that the Government and people are to realize mutual understanding for convention into CNG run vehicles.

After the meeting, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and party inspected display of the parts of power-tiller manufactured by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation at its booth, the booth of Myanmar Engineering Society, iron-cast products to be imported to Republic of Korea manufactured at North Okkalapa Industrial Zone and the electronic equipment booth of T&D Co.—MNA

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than meets departmental official, social organizations, officers of local battalion, other ranks and families in Kyaukkyi Township



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than meets officers, other ranks and their families at the hall of local battalion in Kyaukkyi in Bago Division. —MNA

YANGON, 24 April — Member of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence together with Bago Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Southern Command Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and officials, attended a ceremony to hoist Shwehtitaw atop Thirimingalanyeinchanang Sutaungpyae Pagoda in Penwegone Township, Bago Division yesterday evening. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party proceeded to Kyaukkyi Township and met with division/district/township departmental officials, social organizations and townselders.

After hearing the reports of Kyaukkyi Township PDC Chairman U Myint Wan and the commander, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than delivered a speech. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than cordially greeted those present.

On arrival at the hall of Kyaukkyi Township local battalion, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with officers, other ranks and families and made an address.

In his address, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions to the officials on the participation of people in the nation-building endeavours, fulfilling the requirements of the education, health, social welfare of families and carrying out the agriculture and livestock breeding tasks on a manageable scale to promote the income of families. Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than cordially greeted officers, other ranks and families.

In the evening, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than visited Che-say-kan Pagoda in Kyaukkyi, Bago Division and paid homage to the pagoda.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than looked into the renovation tasks of the pagoda. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party went to Pylonechantha Sutaungpyae Ngadetgyi Buddha Image and offered lights and joss sticks to it. Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than donated K100,000 for the image and Col Khin Maung Oo of Kyaukkyi Station accepted the donation.

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NPED Minister leaves for Vietnam

YANGON, 24 April — Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha left here by air this evening to attend the ASEAN Economic Ministers' Retreat to be held from 24 to 27 April in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The minister was seen off at the airport by Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office U Than Shwe, Vietnamese Ambassador Mr Tran Van Tung and departmental officials.

The minister was accompanied by Adviser at the Prime Minister's Office U Maung Maung Yi, Director-General Daw Myo Nwe of Foreign Economic Relations Department and Director U Khin Maung Ba of Planning Department.—MNA



Minister U Soe Tha being seen off at the airport.

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Lt-Gen Aung Htwe on tour of townships in Shan State (East)

YANGON, 24 April — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence explained regional development work in meeting with departmental officials of Shan State (East) at the meeting hall of Coastal Region Command in Kengtung on the morning of 21 April.

It was attended by Shan State (East) PDC Chairman Coastal Region Command Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Brig-Gen Tin Yu and Brig-Gen Win Aung of Kengtung Station and local authorities. U Aye Thein, Manager of Shan State Myanmar Agriculture Service, reported on yield of 17.28 million baskets of paddy in 2004-2005 in Shan State (East); and Head of Shan State Settlement and Land Records Department U Ohn Myint on efforts to meet the cultivation target of 400,000 acres of paddy, cultivation of 2,504 acres of rubber and extension of rubber cultivation up to 3,600 acres. Officials concerned

also reported to Lt-Gen Aung Htwe on upgrading of Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Union Road and Takaw-Mongpyin-Kengtung road section and targets of other development projects. Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw gave a supplementary report. In response to the reports Lt-Gen Aung Htwe urged those present for combined efforts to undertake development tasks.

Next, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe visited Maha Myatmuni Buddha Image in Kengtung and proceeded to Pungpahkyem in Monghsat District. In meeting with service personnel at the township office, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe briefed them on the seven-point road map and regional progress after hearing reports by officials on functions of various departments. He presented cash in aid to township Union Solidarity and Development Association, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, township Organization for Women's Affairs and War

Veterans Organization.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe visited Pungpahkyem Township Hospital and inspected progress in building the BEHS. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party went to Mongton and met with officers and other ranks and their families of Mongton Station. He gave an instruction on fulfillment of the needs of education, health and social welfare tasks of the families. At Mongton Township PDC office, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe met government employees, social organizations and local people and explained the seven-point road map of the State and regional development work. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe together with Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, met departmental officials at the township hall of Monghsat and heard reports on tasks being carried out for various sectors in the township. After leaving necessary instructions, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe met Tatmadaw members and their families of Monghsat Station. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe sprinkles scented water on Seinbutaw and Hngyetmyatnadaw. (News on page 1) — MNA

Departmental and Tatmadaw vehicles checked on dry day

YANGON, 24 April — Vice-Chairman of the Dry Day Supervision Committee Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, together with committee members Director-General of MPF Brig-Gen Khin Yi, senior military officers and departmental heads led by deputy leader of the supervision group Deputy Minister for Home

Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe this morning supervised dry day inspection teams that were checking Tatmadaw and departmental vehicles in the main points of Capital Yangon.

Similarly, Dry Day Supervision Committee members senior military officers and departmental heads led by leader of the

supervision group Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu performed supervision tasks in the evening.

The dry day inspection teams checked dry day pass, driver's licence, wheel tax bill, wearing of respective uniforms and breaking of traffic rules from 7 am to 5 pm today. — MNA

Berlusconi forms 60th Italian government

ROME, April 24 — Silvio Berlusconi on Saturday was sworn in as Italian Prime Minister of the nation's 60th government, ending a political crisis which had threatened to topple him from power.

The centre-right leader, who has been in the driving seat since May 2001, was sworn in at brief ceremony presided over by President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi.

The Prime Minister is now hoping his revamped executive will ensure he completes his full, five-year term. Berlusconi is keeping most ministers in their old jobs, including Gianfranco Fini, head of the National Alliance Party, who remains foreign minister and deputy premier.

He also brought back his long time ally Giulio Tremonti as deputy premier. Berlusconi's new government confirmed the three portfolios held by the Northern League, whose reform plan devolving powers from the state to the regions has created tensions with AN and the UDC. — MNA/Xinhua



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe views all-round development tasks of Yangon Kandawgyi Gardens and Zoo on 24-4-2005.—YANGON COMMAND

China, Japan enjoy rapid development of economic ties

BELING, April 24 — China and Japan have enjoyed rapid development of economic and trade relations since China began its reform and opening up more than 20 years ago, said Chinese Minister of Commerce Bo Xilai in a recent interview.

When asked to comment on the current situation of Sino-Japanese economic and trade relations, Bo told local Press that benefits of the economic and trade cooperation between China and Japan, in general, is balanced to both sides.

Thanks to such mutual benefits, Sino-Japanese economic and

trade ties have witnessed quiet and substantial progress for more than 20 years. This has brought concrete advantages for the people of both countries, Bo noted.

According to Bo, economic and trade relations with Japan, the United States and the European Union have composed three major parts of

China's foreign trade. Bilateral trade volume between China and the three regions exceeded 160 billion US dollars last year.

"Sino-Japanese economic and trade relations is crucial not only for the two countries, but also influential for Asia and the world at large," he acknowledged.

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ယခုအခါတွင် နေရာသီရောက်လာပြီဖြစ်သဖြင့် ရာသီဥတု ပူပြင်းလာပြီ ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ထိုအပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် ချွေးထွက်လွန်ပြီး ခန္ဓာကိုယ်အတွင်းရှိ ရေနှင့်ဓာတ်ဆားများ ဆုံးရှုံးမှု များပြားပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ဆုံးရှုံးမှုကြောင့် မိတ်နှင့်ယားဖုများ ထွက်လာခြင်း၊ ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်ခြင်း၊ မူးမောခြင်း၊ ကြွက်တက်ခြင်း၊ ချွေးခြောက်ပြီး ကိုယ်အပူချိန်တက်ခြင်း၊ သတိလစ်ခြင်းတို့အပြင် အသက်အန္တရာယ် နှိပ်ရိမ်ရသော အခြေအနေအထိ ဖြစ်တတ်ပါသည်။

သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ အပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် မလိုလားအပ်သော အကျိုးဆက်များ မဖြစ်ပေါ်စေရန်အောက်ပါအချက်အလက်များကို လိုက်နာကြပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

- (၁) နံနက် (၁၀)နာရီမှ ညနေ (၅)နာရီအတွင်း လွင်တီးခေါင်ပြင်း မြစ်ကမ်းနား၊ ရေဆိပ်စသည်တို့တွင် ရေချိုးခြင်း မှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်၍ အရိပ်ရ အေးမြသော နေရာများတွင် နေပါ။
- (၂) နေပူထဲမှပြန်လာပြီး ချက်ချင်းရေချိုးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၃) နေပူထဲတွင် ပြင်းထန်သော ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုများ မပြုလုပ်သင့်ပါ။
- (၄) အရက် သောက်ခြင်းသည် အပူဒဏ်အန္တရာယ်ကို ဖြစ်ပေါ်လွယ်စေခြင်းနှင့် ဖြစ်ပွားပါက ပြင်းထန်စွာ ခံစားရခြင်းကြောင့် ရှောင်ကြဉ်သင့်ပါသည်။
- (၅) နေ့ခင်းဘက် အပြင်ထွက်သည့်အခါတွင် အရိပ် လုံလောက်စွာ ရရှိနိုင်သည့် ထီး၊ ဦးထုပ်များ ဆောင်းပါ။
- (၆) အလင်းရောင်ပြန်သော အဖြူရောင် သို့မဟုတ် အရောင်ပျော့ပျော့ အဝတ်အထည်များကို ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။
- (၇) ပွပျော့ချောင်း ချည်ထည်များကို ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။
- (၈) ချွေးထွက်လွန်ပါက ကိုယ်တွင်းရှိရေနှင့် ဓာတ်ဆားများ ဆုံးရှုံးမှုကို ပြန်လည်ဖြည့်တင်းနိုင်ရန် ဓာတ်ဆားရည် သောက်ပါ။
- (၉) ကိုယ်အပူချိန်တက်ပါက ရေအေးဖတ် နိုင်နိုင်တိုက်ပါ။
- (၁၀) ဆီးချိုရောဂါ၊ နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ သွေးတိုးရောဂါ အစရှိသူများ၊ ကလေးသူငယ်များနှင့် သက်ကြီးရွယ်အိုများအနေဖြင့် နေ့လည်နေ့ခင်းတွင် အရိပ်ရ၍ လေဝင်လေထွက် ကောင်းသော နေရာမျိုး၌ နားနေပါ။
- (၁၁) မိတ်ဖုယားနားများထွက်ပါက ရေအေးဝတ်တပ်ခြင်း၊ သနပ်ခါးလိမ်းခြင်းတို့ကို ပြုလုပ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) အပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်ခြင်း၊ ကိုယ်အပူချိန်တက်ခြင်း၊ သတိလစ်ခြင်းနှင့် အတတ်ရောဂါဖြစ်ပါက နီးစပ်ရာ ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် ပြသပါ။

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Colombian journalist killed by gunmen

BOGOTA, 23 April — A Colombian journalist and trade- unionist was killed by unidentified gunmen in Sabaneta of Antioquia department in northwest Colombia, authorities said Friday.

Police said the journalist, identified as Oscar Acosta Arias, working for local newspaper *El Sabanetelo*, was attacked Thursday when he left his house. Arias was also a member of the Central Workers Trade Union, Colombia's main trade union.

Colombia is regarded as one of the most dangerous countries in the world for journalists. According to government statistics, 154 journalists have been killed in the country since 1977. — *MNA/Xinhua*

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China funds African Union's peace efforts

ADDIS ABABA, 23 April — China on Friday donated 400,000 US dollars to the African Union (AU) in support of the continent's peace efforts. China's Assistant Foreign Minister Lu Guozeng handed over the donation here to AU Commission Chairperson Alpha Oumar Konare. At the handover, Lu said the stated sum was granted to the AU in support of its ongoing peace initiatives particularly in Darfur, western Sudan. — *MNA/Xinhua*

17 miners bodies found in mine gas blast in western Turkey

ANKARA, 23 April — Bodies of 17 miners who were trapped in a mine that collapsed on Thursday, were found, semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported. A methane gas explosion on Thursday ripped through a coal mine which is in Gokler hamlet of Gediz Town in the western Turkish city of Kutahya, bringing down a mining shaft and trapping 17 miners. Two workers were rescued earlier. — *MNA/Xinhua*

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Swiss President reminds scientists of ethical responsibility

GENEVA, 23 April—While attending the 150th anniversary celebrations of the Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich on Thursday, Swiss President Samuel Schmid reminded the country's scientists of their ethical responsibility and warned them to remain "humble".

Speaking at the institute which he called "perhaps the most pioneering project of 19th Century Switzerland", Schmid called on researchers to pay extra attention to ethical issues raised by modern science.

"These are fundamental questions because they concern creation itself...Men will never be able to bend nature to their own will. Superior scientific minds admit that there is a greater plan at work," he was cited by an official web site Swissinfo as saying.

"Anyone who wants to play God

will not only fail miserably, but will be acting irresponsibly," he added.

The Swiss Government created the first Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich in 1855. About 18,000 people from Switzerland and abroad are currently studying, working or conducting research at the institute.

According to Swissinfo, no less than 21 Nobel Prize winners have studied or taught at the institute, including Albert Einstein, Wilhelm Rontgen, Wolfgang Pauli or more recently Richard Ernst and Kurt Wuthrich.—MNA/Xinhua

Netherlands reports first human case of mad cow disease

BRUSSELS, 23 April—The human form of "mad cow disease" has been diagnosed for the first time in the Netherlands, Radio Netherlands reported on Thursday.

A 26-year-old woman in the Mesos Medical Centre in Utrecht in central part of the country is suffering from Variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob, it said.

This fatal brain disease can be caused by eating proteins called prions in infected beef. It is not yet clear whether the patient in Utrecht was infected in this way as the disease can also be contracted by transplanting

nerve tissue.

Scientists are also beginning to suspect that the disease can be transported by blood. The Dutch Health Inspectorate is investigating whether the patient has infected others, the report said.

In Europe, Variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease has only occurred in the Great Britain, Ireland, France and Italy. The Dutch authorities have said that that Dutch beef is safe to eat.

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Berlusconi to form Italian new government

ROME, 23 April—Silvio Berlusconi was given the green light on Friday by Italian President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi to form a new government.

Berlusconi told reporters after a 60-minute meeting with Ciampi that he had received the president's mandate to form a new executive, averting the need for snap elections.—MNA/Xinhua



Thousands of wildebeest wind through the Masai Mara National Reserve in Kenya on 23 April, 2005.—INTERNET

Study finds snow melt causes large ocean plant blooms

LOS ANGELES, 23 April—A new study supported by US space agency NASA has found a decline in winter and spring snow cover of Southwest Asia, and the Himalayan Mountain range is creating conditions for more widespread blooms of ocean plants in the Arabian Sea.

The decrease in snow cover has led to greater differences in both temperature and pressure systems between the Indian Subcontinent and the Arabian Sea. The pressure differences generate monsoon winds that mix the ocean water in the western Arabian Sea. This mixing leads to better growing conditions for tiny, free-floating ocean plants called phytoplankton, scientists said on Thursday.

The study, appearing in this week's journal *Science*, was led by Joaquim Goes, a senior researcher at the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences. The researchers used satellite observations of ocean colour to show phytoplankton concentrations in the

Western Arabian Sea have increased by more than 350 per cent over the past seven years.

When winter and spring snow cover is low over Eurasia, the amount of solar energy reflected back into the atmosphere is less.

A decline in the amount of snow cover means less of the sun's energy goes towards melting of snow and evaporation of wet soil. As a result, the land mass heats up more in summer, creating a larger temperature difference between the water of the Arabian Sea and the Indian Subcontinent landmass.

The temperature difference is responsible for a disparity in pressure over land and sea, creating a

low pressure system over the Indian Subcontinent and a high pressure system over the Arabian Sea.

This difference in pressure causes winds to blow from the southwest Arabian Sea bringing annual rainfall to the Subcontinent from June to September. In the western Arabian Sea, these winds also cause upwelling of cooler nutrient-rich water, creating ideal conditions for phytoplankton to bloom every year during summer.

Since 1997, a reduction in snow has led to wider temperature differences between the land and ocean during summer. As a consequence, sea surface winds over the Arabian Sea have strengthened leading to more in-

tense upwelling and more widespread blooms of phytoplankton along the coasts of Somalia, Yemen and Oman.

According to Goes, while large blooms of phytoplankton can enhance fisheries, exceptionally large blooms could be detrimental to the ecosystem. Increases in phytoplankton amounts can lead to oxygen depletion in the water column and eventually to a decline in fish populations.

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The eroding banks of the mighty Yangtze seen on 23 April, 2005.—INTERNET

US researchers develop microbial fuel cell

LOS ANGELES, 23 April—US Researchers said Friday that they have developed a new electrically-assisted microbial fuel cell that does not require oxygen, enabling bacteria to produce four times as much hydrogen directly out of biomass than can be generated typically by fermentation alone.

This process is not limited to using only carbohydrate-based biomass for hydrogen production like conventional fermentation processes. Theoretically, it yields hydrogen from any biodegradable, dissolved, organic matter and cleans the wastewater, according to Bruce Logan, a professor at Pennsylvania State University who led the study.

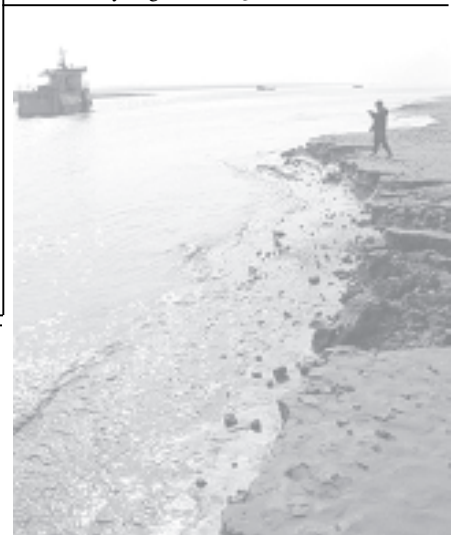
"While there is likely insufficient waste biomass to sustain a global hydrogen economy, this form of renewable energy production may help offset the substantial costs of wastewater treatment as well as provide a contribution to nations able to harness hydrogen as an energy source," Logan said.

The researchers described their findings in a paper "Electrochemically Assisted Microbial Production of Hydrogen from

Acetate." The paper is published in the online issue of journal *Environmental Science and Technology*.

In their paper, the researchers explain that hydrogen production by bacterial fermentation is currently limited by the "fermentation barrier," the fact that bacteria, without a power boost, can only convert carbohydrates to a limited amount of hydrogen and a mixture of "dead end" fermentation end products such as acetic and butyric acids.

However, giving the bacteria a small assist with a tiny amount of electricity, about 0.25 volts or a small fraction of the voltage needed to run a typical six volt cell phone, they can leap over the fermentation barrier and convert a "dead end" fermentation product, acetic acid, into carbon dioxide and hydrogen.—MNA/Xinhua



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Roddick advances to 5th US clay court final

WASHINGTON, 24 April — Top-seeded Andy Roddick reached his fifth straight US Clay Court Championships tennis final in Houston on Saturday with a straight set win over Jurgen Melzer from Austria.

Roddick of the United States rallied after losing the first three games to beat the seventh-seeded 6-4, 6-2.

He will play for the title Sunday against either qualifier Nicolas Lapentti of Ecuador or sixth-seeded Sebastien Grosjean of France.

Grosjean reached the semifinals with a 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 triumph over second-seeded American Andre Agassi, the champion in this event in both 1988 and 2003.

Lapentti advanced with a thrilling three-set win over American James Blake to reach his first semifinal since July 2003.

Roddick, who won this 380,000-dollar red clay tournament in 2001 and 2002, is seeking his second title of 2005 after a victory at San Jose, California, in February. After dropping the first three games to Melzer, Roddick held then broke Melzer's serve three times in a row to take the set.—MNA/Xinhua



Chelsea's Claude Makelele, right, fights for the ball with Fulham's Brian McBride during their FA Premiership soccer match at Stamford Bridge in London on 23 April, 2005. —INTERNET

Chelsea within touching distance of title

LONDON, 24 April — Chelsea moved within touching distance of their first ever Premiership title with a 3-1 home win over Fulham on Saturday while Crystal Palace dragged themselves out of the relegation zone and Norwich City moved off the foot of the table.

West Brom slipped back into the bottom three courtesy of a defeat to Middlesbrough, while Everton were held at home by Birmingham City.

Aston Villa and Blackburn Rovers were also held on their own patch, by Bolton Wanderers and Manchester City respectively.

Joe Cole fired the Blues

in front but Fulham were level before half-time courtesy of a well-taken effort from Collins John.

But second half goals from the ever-impressive Frank Lampard and Eidur Gudjohnsen left Chelsea just a win away from the title, although an Arsenal slip-up against Tottenham could hand Jose Mourinho's side the cham-

ampionship on Monday.

Everton's push for a UEFA Champions League berth suffered a setback as they had to come from behind to earn a point at home to Birmingham.

Former Liverpool striker Emile Heskey returned to haunt his old Merseyside rivals with the opener after five minutes but Duncan Ferguson rescued a point four minutes from time.

Palace moved out of the bottom three as Andy Johnson's header was enough to sink Liverpool at Selhurst Park.

Middlesbrough produced a rampant first half performance to ensure a miserable return to The Riverside for West Brom manager Bryan Robson.

The ex-Boro boss saw his side start brightly but three goals in the space of 10 minutes kept Boro on course for a UEFA Cup place and plunged West Brom back into the drop zone.—MNA/Xinhua

Nine-man Real Madrid beat Villarreal 2-1

MADRID, 24 April — Nine-man Real Madrid came from behind to beat Villarreal 2-1 at the Bernabeu on Saturday after Zinedine Zidane and Walter Samuel had been dismissed with red cards.

With the home win, second-placed Real moved up to 69 points, three behind Barcelona who travel south to play Malaga on Sunday. Champions League-chasing Villarreal are third on 52 points with a game in hand on Real.

Argentine midfielder Juan Roman Riquelme put Villarreal in lead from the penalty spot before the break.

Real, however, recovered in the second half as Ronaldo headed the equalizer on 70 minutes and provided for defender Michel Salgado to fire the win-

ner four minutes later.

Real were reduced to 10 men after 72 minutes when Argentina defender Samuel received his second yellow card. The home side then lost Zidane to a straight red in stoppage time as the French international scuffled with Villarreal defender Quique Alvarez, who was also marked. Earlier, Osasuna overcame Atletico Madrid 1-0 to record their second victory in four days over the capital club and all but secure their Primera Liga place.—MNA/Xinhua

Milan overwhelm Parma

to temporarily move clear on top

ROME, 24 April— AC Milan cruised past Parma 3-0 on Saturday to temporarily move three points clear of Juventus at the top of Serie A before the Old Lady visit Lazio on Sunday.

With the goals from Brazilians Kaka and Cafu and Dane Jon Dahl Tomasson, Milan eased to a win which put them on 73 points.

Udinese claimed a 3-2 away win at Siena on Saturday and climbed above Sampdoria into fourth place, thanks to two goals from David Di Michele.

Milan, without the injured Andrea Pirlo and the suspended Gennaro Gattuso, dominated from the outset and took the lead after 34 minutes.

Rui Costa had a shot parried by Parma keeper Sebastien Frey and, after Andriy

Shevchenko's follow-up was blocked, Kaka pounced on the loose ball.

European Footballer of the Year Shevchenko then provided then second goal and Tomasson beat Frey to fire home at 62. Milan made it 3-0 when Ukrainian Shevchenko's shot was half blocked and Cafu lashed in the rebound in the 71st minute.

Carlo Ancelotti's side face freshly crowned Dutch champions PSV Eindhoven in the first leg of their Champions League semifinal on Tuesday.

MNA/Xinhua

Club says Maradona to work for Boca

BUENOS AIRES, 24 April— Retired soccer player Diego Maradona is about to work with Boca Juniors, announced on Saturday by the boss of the Argentine soccer club.

"Next week there will be a meeting of the board of directors to discuss this issue," Mauricio Macri, President of Boca, told Argentine Radio Mitre station as he was taking part in the installation of Pope Benedict XVI in Italy.

The boss declined to reveal what position Maradona will take.

Maradona, 44, who retired from soccer in 1996 and has been struggling to control obesity and drug-addiction since then, said he would never take a job as a club's official and he wishes to share his experience with players.

The Boca president, however, backed the coach, Jorge Benitez, who was in conflict with striker Guillermo Barros Schelotto, and assured the player "wants

to leave" the club.

"The thing is that there is a player (Barros Schelotto) who for seven years has been a key of the team, and now there is an alternative (Rodrigo Palacio) for his position according to the coach," he pointed out.

Thus Macri backed Benitez as saying "his responsibility is to form the best team possible" and "this has to be clear from Guillermo all the way to the youngest player of minor leagues; whoever doesn't understand this is wrong and loses." —MNA/Xinhua

Samuel, Zidane, Salgado not to play match against Real Sociedad

MADRID, 24 April— Argentine Walter Samuel, French Zinedine Zidane and Spanish Michel Salgado will not be able to play the coming league match of Real Madrid against Real Sociedad.

In the Real Madrid versus Villarreal match, Samuel was expelled from the pitch for accumulation of yellow cards while Zidane got a direct red card in the last moments of the match after a quarrel with full-back Quique Alvarez, who also got a red card.

Michel Salgado, who scored for Real Madrid, in the match that ended with a 2-1 victory of the locals, received a yellow card in the second half and will not make it for the away match against Real Sociedad for accumulation of cards.

MNA/Xinhua



Everton's Duncan Ferguson, left, challenges Birmingham City's Kenny Cunningham during their English Premiership League soccer match at Goodison Park, Liverpool, England, on 23 April, 2005. The match ended in a 1-1 draw. —INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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GUAM members pledge closer security, economic cooperation

BUCHAREST, 24 April— Leaders of GUAM members pledged on Friday to change the regional organization into a "structure" which would be able to promote their economic ties and guarantee their security and stability, said reports from

Moldova capital of Chisinau. At the end of a summit in Moldova, the presidents of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Ukraine and Moldova said in a statement that they will strengthen cooperation in the political and military fields, including peace-

keeping missions.

The four GUAM members are ready to step up their energy cooperation and sign joint contracts to carry fuels produced around the Caspian Sea to European markets, and also hope to strike a deal soon on establishing

a free trade area. The leaders also said they are willing to form partnerships with the European Union, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the United States and all the countries and organizations who endorse GUAM's purposes.

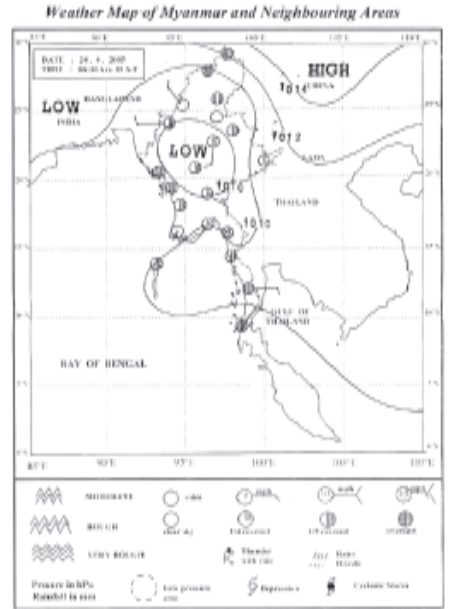
The leaders called on members of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to urge Russia to withdraw troops and arms from Moldova and Georgia.

Lithuanian President Valdas Adamkus and his Romanian counterpart Traian Basescu attended the summit as observers.

Also present were representatives from the United States, Hungary, Bulgaria and Poland. According to the Moldovan Information Agency, Russia's Ambassador to Moldova voiced his country's displeasure with not being invited to the GUAM summit.

GUAM, a regional organization for economic cooperation, was set up in 1997 by Georgia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan and Moldova.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Sunday, 24 April, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers has been isolated in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division and weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Shan and Kayin States, upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were (44°C) each in Monywa, Magway and Myingyan, (43°C) each in Mandalay, Nyaung Oo and Minbu, (41°C) each in Kalaywa, Shwebo, Meiktila, Pinyinana, Shwegyin and Hpa-an.

Maximum temperature on 23-4-2005 was 104°F. Minimum temperature on 24-4-2005 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 24-4-2005 was 71%. Total sunshine hours on 23-4-2005 was (10.5) hours approx. Rainfalls on 24-4-2005 were nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (0.63 inch) at Yangon Airport, (1.69 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (0.32 inch) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from North-west at (15:30) hours MST on 23-4-2005.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the South and West Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 25-4-2005:** Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, Rakhine and Shan States and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the northern Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25-4-2005:** Partly cloudy.

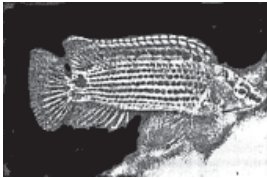
Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-4-2005: Possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Asleep in Jesus Saw Dee Sho

Saw Dee Sho (Senior Engineer, Yangon Airways), age 58 years of 14D1, Mahathukita Road, East Gyogone, Insein, beloved son of U Saw Ray Po+(Daw B San Hla), beloved husband of Naw Loolua, beloved father of Naw Mu Lar Wah (Mount Alvernia Hospital, Singapore), Naw Mu Lar Hset (IFRC), Naw Mu Lar Bwe+Saw J Mya Nyo Lay (MBL), Saw Dee Boe, beloved grandfather of Naw Debra Mya Nyo Lay and Saw J Junior Mya Nyo Lay, beloved brother of (Naw Dee Na)+U Soe Thein, Saw Dee Nae+Naw Tulip San Kyaw, Naw Dee Sha+U Chit Aye, Saw Dee Ler+Naw Paleh Shee, Saw Dee Eh+Naw Coral Jeanne Tin Cho, was called to his heavenly home on 24th of April, 2005 at 02:10. Funeral service at Phu Tha Byu memorial hall on 26-04-2005 at 10 am and thence to Yay Way Kayin Baptist cemetery for entombment.

တီလာပီးယားငါးမျိုးပွဲတော်

- နေ့ရက်။** ၃၀-၄-၂၀၀၅ မှ ၁-၅-၂၀၀၅ ထိ(၂)ရက်
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- ရောင်းချမည့်ဆိုင်များ။** တီလာပီးယားငါးအကင်းဆိုင်(၂)ဆိုင်

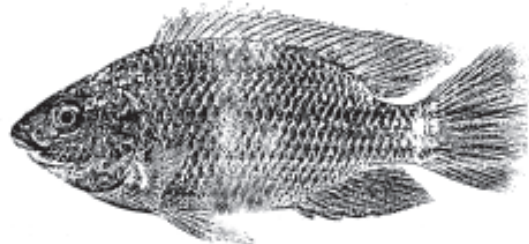


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မွေးမြူရေးနှင့်ရေလုပ်ငန်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Radio Myanmar

Monday, 25 April Tune in today:

- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music: -Summer son
- 8.40 am** Perspectives
- 8.45 am** Music: -It's gotta be you
- 8.50 am** National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am** Music: -Best friend
- 9.05 am** International news
- 9.10 am** Music: -You got it
- 1.30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm** Lunch time music: -I'll be there -I'm your angel -You're my home -Tell him
- 9.00 pm** Spotlight on the Star: -Make it happen -Back to you -Back somebody
- 9.10 pm** Article
- 9.20 pm** Country Drama: The white gold wil help love affair
- 9.35 pm** Vocal Gems: -The end of the world
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL

TV Myanmar

Monday, 25 April View on today:

- 7:00 am** 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အတို့တော်အောင်ချက် အဘိဓမ္မဟောပြောချက် အဘိဓမ္မ အဂ္ဂမဟာ သဒ္ဓမ္မစောတိက တိပိဋကဓရ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိမိတ္တသာရာ ဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am** 2. တိပိဋကဓရ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက အဂ္ဂမဟာသဏ္ဍိက၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာ ဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူ အပီသော ဥပ္ပဏသန္တီပါဠိတော်
- 7:25 am** 3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am** 4. Morning news
- 7:40 am** 5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am** 6. Song of national races

- 8:05 am** 7. Cute little dancers
- 8:15 am** 8. ဘော်ဘင်ရေလှောင်တစ်
- 8:30 am** 9. International news
- 8:45 am** 10. Grammar made easy
- 4:00 pm** 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm** 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm** 3. Practice in Reading
- 4:45 pm** 4. တေးသရုပ်ဖော်အစီအစဉ်
- 4:50 pm** 5. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm** 6. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ဂုဏ္ဍဇာ အထူးပြု (ဂုဏ္ဍဇာ)
- 5:15 pm** 7. Dance Variety
- 5:30 pm** 8. မုန့်ချောင်းတံတား
- 5:35 pm** 9. လက်ဆွဲကမ်းပေး ဂီတဖွဲ့စည်း
- 5:45 pm** 10. မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာတေးလေးကျေးလက် တေးသံများ
- 5:55 pm** 11. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 6:05 pm** 12. Discovery
- 6:15 pm** 13. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဗျောက်မင်းဂုဏ်" (အပိုင်း-၈၅)
- 6:30 pm** 14. Evening news
- 7:00 pm** 15. Weather report
- 7:05 pm** 16. Musical programme
- 7:20 pm** 17. Industrial achievement
- 7:30 pm** 18. Musical programme
- 7:30 pm** 19. ကြည့်ရှုချမ်းမြေ့ပျော်ရွှင်စွာ အဖွဲ့သားကန်တော်ကြီး ဥယျာဉ် (ပြင်ဦးလွင်) (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 8:00 pm** 20. News
- 21. International news**
- 22. Weather report**
- 23. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟောမန်ဆောင်း၏ ရုစံသံစဉ်" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)**
- 24. The next day's programme**

Industrial sector has promising future Prime Minister addresses coord meeting (2/2005) on industrial development



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win addresses the coordination meeting (2/2005) on industrial development.
MNA

In 2004-2005 fiscal year, the industrial sector contributed 10.7 per cent towards the GDP, the agricultural sector, 40.7 per cent, and the meat and fish sector, 9.2 per cent. So, except the agricultural sector, the turnover of the industrial sector stands first in the State's economy.

The industrial sector has a promising future for the development according to its prospects and the targets set.

In the process, emphasis is to be placed on further development of the private enterprise that is the majority of the nation's industrial sector in quality and production volume. The entire private sector will make progress in paral-

The process can be divided into two categories. The first includes development of Mandalay, Monywa and Ayethaya industrial zones.

The modern foundry plants, forging shops, and forging machines in these three industrial zones will launch their manufacturing processes in late May.

It has been a great change in the private enterprise as the nation's iron casting industry was transformed from cottage industry to better one with the use of modern machinery.

Each modern forging shop in the three industrial zones has a capacity to melt more than 1,000 tons a year. So, the industrial zones have been able to manu-



YANGON, 24 April —The coordination meeting (2/2005) on industrial development took place at the Ministry of Industry-1 on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here this afternoon with an address by Industrial Development Committee Chairman Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win.

Also present at the meeting were Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers who are also members of the committee, the Yangon City Development Committee chairman mayor, deputy ministers, the vice-mayor, offi-

men and members of Myanmar Industrialists Association, Myanmar Engineering Society, Yangon Division All Busline Control Committee and other committees.

Next, Industrial Development Committee Chairman Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win made a speech. He said that at every meeting of the committee for industrial development, all the members are able to hold discussions and seek better ways and means for industrial development. As a result, remarkable success has been achieved in indus-

try with the development of the private small and medium enterprises.

As the private small and medium enterprises play a fundamental role in the industrial sector. Measures are thus to be coordinated for making such an essential requirement strong on the correct path. Hence, it is needed to collect data and figures for the industrial sector such as number of factories, types and scales of enterprises, and strength of employees.

The Prime Minister called for figures of large, medium and small enter-

prise iron products on a large scale.

With the use of lathe machine, milling machine, drilling machine, slotting machine, grinding machine, boring machine, gear cutting machine and tolls grinding machine, the workshops of the foundry plants can produce a large range of iron products.

So, it is important to operate the plants and workshops at full capacity round the clock. It is important to have man, material, money and market for the industrial development in the long run as there have been modern machinery.

Management system of factory and mill should be flexible according to the economic nature and it cannot be practised as the management system of the governmental department. Only when there is proper management system of factory and mill, will the foundry industry run constantly and gain benefits.

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe.
MNA

cial of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, chairmen and members of industrial zone supervisory committees and industrial zone management committees, the president and members of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, chair-



Minister U Aung Thauang.—MNA
industrial sector.

In the past four years, an average annual industrial development rate indicates about 24 per cent. The target has been set to achieve 27.5 per cent in the final year of the five-year plan.



Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin.—MNA
prises from respective states and divisions.

He highlighted the parallel development of all the industrial zones in the drive for further progress of the private enterprise.



Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw.—MNA